

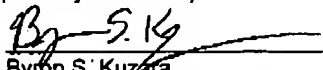
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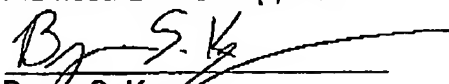
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### JOINT DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names;

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Article of Footwear Having a Fluid-Filled Bladder with a Reinforcing Structure, the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on 1/28/04 as Application Serial Number 10/767,404 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
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**FLUID-FILLED BLADDER WITH A REINFORCING STRUCTURE****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

- [01] This non-provisional U.S. Patent Application claims priority to provisional U.S. Patent Application serial number 60/531,674, which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 23, 2003 and entitled Article Of Footwear Having A Fluid-Filled Bladder With A Reinforcing Structure, such provisional U.S. Patent Application being entirely incorporated herein by reference.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****Field of the Invention**

- [02] The present invention relates to a fluid-filled component that may be utilized in a variety of products, including footwear. The invention concerns, more particularly, a fluid-filled bladder with a reinforcing structure and a method of manufacturing the bladder and reinforcing structure.

**Description of Background Art**

- [03] A conventional article of athletic footwear includes two primary elements, an upper and a sole structure. The upper provides a covering for the foot that securely receives and positions the foot with respect to the sole structure. In addition, the upper may have a configuration that protects the foot and provides ventilation, thereby cooling the foot and removing perspiration. The sole structure is secured to a lower surface of the upper and is generally positioned between the foot and the ground. In addition to attenuating ground reaction forces and absorbing energy (i.e., imparting cushioning), the sole structure may provide traction and control foot motions, such as over pronation. Accordingly, the upper and the sole structure operate cooperatively to provide a comfortable structure that is suited for a wide variety of ambulatory activities, such as walking and running.